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Application of: Antonie Neubauer, et al.) Confirm. No.: 5659 Serial No.: 10/624,149) Art Unit: 1648

Filed: July 21, 2003) Examiner: Ali Reza Salimi

For: gM-NEGATIVE EHV-MUTANTS WITHOUT HETEROLOGOUS

Docket No.: ELEMENTS
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MISCELLANEOUS INCOMING LETTER

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests a correction of a Response to an Office Advisory that was electronically filed on May 30, 2006 in answer to a communication from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, which communication was mailed on May 5, 2006. At the time of electronically filing the Response, Applicant inadvertently categorized the Response as an: "Amendment - After Non-Final Rejection" and should have been categorized as: —Amendment - After Final —. Please note that Applicant's Response of May 30, 2006 was filed in response to an Advisory Action dated May 5, 2006.

Attached is a copy of the Applicant's Response dated May 30, 2006 to the May 5, 2006 Advisory Action.

If it is determined that any fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 02-2955.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patent Department Boehringer Ingelheim Corp. 900 Ridgebury Road P.O. Box 368 Ridgefield, CT 06877 Tel: (203) 791-6692 Dated: June 1, 2006



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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, which communication was mailed on May 5, 2006. This response is timely filed. However, if it is determined that an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is necessary, Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension. Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this amendment, the Commissioner is, hereby, authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page three (3) of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 11. (canceled)

12. (previously amended): A recombinant Equine Herpes Virus-1 (EHV-1) wherein the protein gM is absent, wherein said EHV-1 is free of heterologous elements, and wherein said EHV-1 is RacH-based recombinant variant isolate HΔgM-w as deposited at the ECACC/CAMR on October 16, 2002 with the accession number 02101663.

13. - 36. (canceled)

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the communication mailed May 5, 2006, please cancel claim 3 and claims 13-36.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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